

Another Successful Sleeping Giant Loppet

Randy Gottfred VA3OJ reports that the 2019 Sleeping Giant Loppet went off without any incidents. There was plenty of snow this year and the temperatures were perfect for skiers and spectators alike. A huge thank you to all the LARC volunteers that help make this event such a success.



GQRP Club Founder

the Rev. George Dobbs, G3RJV, SK

03/11/2019 via ARRL

The founder of the GQRP Club and Amateur Radio author the Rev. George Dobbs, G3RJV, of Littleborough, England, died on March 11. He was 75. Dobbs was reported to have been in ill health for some time and had been living in a care facility, where his condition deteriorated quite rapidly over the past few days. He was the honorary secretary of the GQRP Club (G5LOW), which he founded in 1974 to cater to those interested in low-power Amateur Radio communication. Dobbs served as the editor for the club's quarterly, SPRAT. Dobbs was the author of QRP Basics, The International QRP Collection (co-authored with Steve Telenius-Lowe, 9M6DXX), and Making a Transistor Radio. He was a frequent Hamvention® attendee, and in 2015, he received the Hamvention "Technical Excellence Award." — Thanks to Lee Boulineau, KX4TT

Just a Reminder

that on Wednesday March 13, 2019 at 2100 UTC **(5:00pm EDT LOCAL)** on 3.675 MHz 80m will be the NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO A.R.E.S. NET. This net is once a week on Wednesdays. It does not matter whether you're an ARES member or not, we encourage one and all to check in. The primary frequency is 3.675 MHz, but if nothing is heard we will try 40m at 7.135MHz. Thanks, hope to hear you all check in.

73's de Brad VE3MXJ CEC

E.C. for the City of Thunder Bay ARES GROUP

Update on the Conference Preparatory Meeting for WRC-19

Please follow the link for the whole press release
<https://wp.rac.ca/update-on-the-conference-preparatory-meeting-for-wrc-19/>

Bryan Rawlings, VE3QN, RAC Special Advisor, is once again in Geneva, Switzerland attending the latest Preparatory Meetings for the 2019 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19). He will be tweeting comments on Amateur Radio issues from the meeting using the hashtag #RACatITU. You can also follow him via @ractweets. Bryan provided the following preliminary report from Geneva:

Bryan Rawlings, VE3QN, is attending as a member of the thirty-strong Canadian delegation and has particular responsibilities for the several agenda items which may have an impact on the international frequency allocations to the Amateur Radio Service. Bryan is also participating when possible in the efforts of the IARU.

Bryan Rawlings, VE3QN
WRC Special Advisor

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 Dave Kimpton VE3AVS
 Laurie Bridgett VE3BCD
 Terry Stewardson VA3LU
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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 212 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:00 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to hiqnewsletter@gmail.com

Amethyst District ARES

Providing emergency communications for Northwestern Ontario

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 Fort Frances: Rod Davis, VE3RYD (ARES EC, Fort Frances & area)
 Kenora: Chris Bigelow, VA3ECO (ARES EC, Kenora & area)
 Dryden: Bob Ernewein, VE3YDN
 Thunder Bay: Brad Harris, VE3MXJ (ARES EC, Thunder Bay & area)

Nets and Exercises

We conduct an open weekly HF net on 80 and 40 metres. The purpose of this net is to monitor regional propagation conditions, share information, and practice net procedures.

Time: Wednesdays at 2100 UTC (5 pm EDT, 3:30 pm CST)

Frequency: Primary 3.675 MHz LSB, Secondary 7.135 MHz LSB

<http://www.ve3rib.ca/nwoares>

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100
144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

Minutes for the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Date: February 14, 2019

President, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ Presiding.

Guest Speaker:

Show and tell

Next Month:

Sharon Bak Field Officer- Amethyst Sector, EM Field Operations, speaking about emergency management.

Coffee Break, Socializing 15-30 minutes approx.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Unger VE3XT

Bill Unger VE3XT moves to accept the report as printed in Hi-Q. Seconded by Karl Hamilton VE3RRP. Passed Unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moves to accept the previous meeting's minutes as printed in Hi-Q. Seconded by Brad Harris VE3MXJ Passed.

Old Business:

Public Service Chris Chadwick VA3TBA public events coordinator

Past Events:

None since last meeting

Upcoming Events

Sleeping Giant Loppet March 2, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ
CANWARN John Sacek VA3JMS

No news

ARES Brad Harris VE3MXJ

New HF nets Wednesdays at 4:30PM ET 3675 KHz or 7135KHz, New DEC for Amethyst District is Warren Paulson VE3FYN in Atikokan. Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD is AEC in Marathon for Thunder Bay ARES. NW ON ARES has a website on ve3rib.ca and follow link for NWO ARES.

Repeater News

Randy Gottfred VA3OJ,

Terry Stewardson VA3LU

No news

Club Trailer:

Bob Hansen VE3RVA

No news

April Dinner Meeting is booked for Thursday April 11th 6 pm at Chicago Joe's

LARC Revitalization: 20/20 (Randy Gottfred, VA3OJ)

Executive is working on securing a dedicated meeting space, a spring swap meet, brochure handout, following up on suggestions for speakers, getting involved in the Alexander Henry, and digital net.

New Business

Database of Past Amateurs

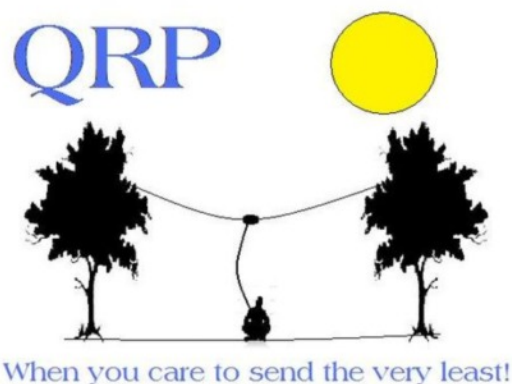
Phil Moorey VE3AXL talked about creating a database of amateurs of the past and collectively documenting memories of past Thunder Bay amateurs. Ideas in the discussion included publishing minutes or events from 50 yrs ago this month in Hi-Q, taking a few minutes each club meeting to share recollections of a past amateur so that those recollections get entered into the database, using the existing minutes published on the LARC website to facilitate the above.

50/50 Draw: none

Adjournment moved by: Chris Chadwick VA3TBA

**Next Executive Meeting: March 7,
2019, 7 PM, RM 213**

**Next LARC Meeting: March 14, 2019,
7 PM, RM 212**



Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

February 2019 Treasurers Report

Opening Balance February 1, 2019 \$1,649.75

Income

Total Income \$0.00

Expenses

Total Expenses \$0.00

Closing Balance February 28, 2019 \$1,649.75

<u>Trailer Account</u>		
	Previous Balance	\$927.86
<u>Income</u>		
Interest		\$0.04
Total		<u>\$927.90</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total Expenses:		\$0.00
	Balance in Trailer Account	\$927.90

Term Account

Opening Balance February 01, 2019 \$2,064.43

Interest \$0.42

Closing Balance February 28, 2019 \$2,064.85

Bill Unger VE3XT
Treasurer

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is booked for Thursday April 11th
6 pm at Chicago Joe's at the
Victoria Inn 555 Arthur St W,
Thunder Bay



Highest-Ever Summits on the Air Activation Reported

03/07/2019 via ARRL



Tom Rudzinski, SQ9FVE, made Summits on the Air (SOTA) history on February 16 by activating Aconcagua in Mendoza, Argentina. At 6,962 meters (22,841 feet) above sea level, the mountain is

the highest peak in both the Southern and Western hemispheres.

An experienced and skilled mountaineer, Rudzinski planned the expedition carefully, including all necessary support. He began his ascent to the summit nearly 2 weeks ahead of his activation, setting up camps and acclimatizing to the elevation en route. He managed five contacts on 2-meter FM, working Argentinian chasers some 90 kilometers (56 miles) away.

Rudzinski worked with a group of friends from the Cuyo Radio Club (LU1MA) to activate Aconcagua.

St. Patrick's Day Special Event Offering New Award this Year

03/04/2019 via ARRL

Stations around the world will once again be on air to turn the bands green as part of the St. Patrick's Day Award. The 48-hour annual event will run from 1200 UTC on March 16 until 1200 UTC on March 18. A new award will be available to those operating modes requiring software or a computer. To register as a station or to learn more, visit the St. Patrick's Day Award website. — Thanks to Bobby Wadey, MI0RYL
<https://stpatrikaward.webs.com/>



WWV Centennial Special Event Will Use WW0WWV

03/01/2019 via ARRL

With its funding secure for another year, WWV, the world's oldest continuously operating radio station, will have extra reason to celebrate its centennial this fall. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the Northern Colorado Amateur Radio Club (NCARC) have teamed up to organize 100th anniversary events. A memorandum of understanding is pending. The WWV Committee has announced that the call sign WW0WWV was granted on February 23 to the WWV Amateur Radio Club for use during the Amateur Radio special event, planned to run September 28 – October 2, with operators on the air — no pun intended — around the clock. NCARC predicts the effort will require “hundreds” of volunteer operators.

“The 100th anniversary is an occasion to celebrate radio and our understanding of the electromagnetic spectrum, and an opportunity to help people everywhere appreciate what radio does in their everyday lives,” said Dave Swartz, W0DAS, who has been spearheading the on-the-air event.

The WWV Committee met on February 22, with representatives of NCARC and NIST on hand, to further firm up plans for the centennial celebratory events. Although the US government cannot fund any Amateur Radio special event expenses, club members will be allowed to use a 15-acre parcel on WWV property, Swartz has explained. The operating site lies outside the security fence.

For its part, NIST will focus on plans for an October 1 recognition ceremony and an open house at the radio station north of Fort Collins.

Web Links of Interest from Jan and Al

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/science/1096527/solar-storm-warning-lagrange-satellite-european-space-agency-technology-down>

<https://infotel.ca/newsitem/forget-social-media-this-club-connects-people-across-the-world-and-beyond/it60063>



March 2019

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11	12	13	14 LARC Meeting at Confederation College McIntyre Bldg rm 212	15	16 St. Patrick's Day Award.	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 Spring (vernal) equinox 5:58 p.m. 	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31